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RE APPLICATION OF

TOSHIHIRO MORITA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: V. KOROBOV

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication dated March 30, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

By way of summary, the Official Communication presents the following issue: the Amendment filed December 23, 2005 is considered non-compliant citing that Claim 44 is listed as dependent on a cancelled claim.

Applicants have filed herewith a corrected version of the Amendment, filed December 23, 2005, as requested by the Examiner, namely having corrected Claim 44 to depend from Claim 43. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to place said Amendment in a status of compliance and consider same.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.